



## Archaeology News



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- **DNR announces historic preservation and archaeology grants-**

Annual grants to strengthen Indiana's historical and cultural heritage have been awarded for 12 projects in nine Indiana communities, including four archaeology projects.

The grants total \$379,839 in federal funds allotted by the DNR Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology. They will be matched by \$327,012 in local and private funds, for a total projected investment of \$706,851.

Archaeology projects total \$173,626 in federal funds, and will be matched by \$97,270 from the two universities receiving the grant awards, for a total investment of \$270,896 in Indiana's archaeological resources.

These projects have received final federal approval and are to start immediately. The federal funds come from the National Park Service, a part of the U.S. Department of the Interior, which distributes federal funds to the states through the Historic Preservation Fund Program. Since 1974, the state has awarded more than \$17 million to Indiana communities through this program. For information on the other grant projects awarded go to: <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/7396.htm>

Archaeological projects for the 2012 funding cycle are:

**Blackford County:** Ball State University's Department of Anthropology received a \$49,751 grant to conduct a Phase I survey of 900 acres in Blackford County to identify and record archaeological sites in the county, and enhance our understanding of the early Euro-American period. The project will focus on sites in the southern half of the county, mainly the Big Lick Creek and Little Lick Creek areas and in particular, Bowser's Station, and a reported burial hill. [Contact: Kevin Nolan, Ball State University, (765) 285-5328].

**Hamilton County:** Ball State University received a grant for \$49,981 to conduct a Phase I survey of approximately 600 acres of agricultural land, and apply a new method of soil phosphate analysis to explore settlement patterns, resources management strategies, and

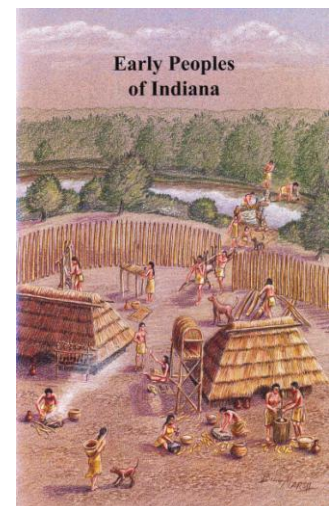
the dynamics of culture contact during the Late Prehistoric period in Hamilton County. The county is experiencing rapid development and growth, particularly around Noblesville, Westfield and Carmel. The project will record imminently endangered cultural resources in the southern two-thirds of the county, particularly along the White River and its tributaries, while significantly improving our understanding of precontact cultural dynamics in central Indiana. [Contact: Chris Keller, Ball State University, (765) 285-5328].

**Hamilton County:** The Archaeological Survey of IPFW received a \$27,996 grant to assist with three weeks of a public archaeology program during Indiana Archaeology Month in September 2012. In the past ten years, IPFW-AS has worked with the Hamilton County Parks Department to assess and explore the unique archaeological heritage of the 750-acre Strawtown Koteewi Park. The 2012 investigations will be open to the public Tuesday-Saturday while a full field crew of professional archaeologists is working. There are planned volunteer opportunities for the public to participate, as well. [Contact: Andrew Smith, IPFW, (260) 481-6194].

**Jasper County:** The Archaeological Survey at IPFW received a \$45,898 grant to conduct a Phase I reconnaissance survey of multiple high probability archaeological locations in Jasper County. The county contains important archaeological resources ranging from Paleoindian to the historic periods, but has only 68 sites currently recorded. It also has a population growth rate higher than other areas of Indiana and is being used for aggregate mining at an increasing rate. The project will field survey approximately 800 acres and identify cultural materials in the county, and employ a geographic information system (GIS) framework to begin research into the distribution of sites within the county. [Contact: Andrew Smith, IPFW, (260) 481-6194].

- **Early Peoples of Indiana**- The Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology is pleased to announce that the updated and revised version of *Early Peoples of Indiana* (Jones and Johnson 2012) is now available. This volume now includes a section on historical archaeology, information about the Archeology Preservation Trust Fund, and other new text. This is our office's most requested archaeology outreach document, and much has been discovered, and learned, since the original in 1999.

The U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, graciously provided the funding for this publication, and printing was completed by PEN Products. The public is welcome to pick up free copies of *Early Peoples of Indiana* from our office in the Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Room W274, Indianapolis. This publication is also available for download from our webpage at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/2811.htm>. Staff will also bring copies of the publication to their public events for distribution.



- **Indiana Archaeology Month-** Only two more months remain until Indiana Archaeology Month, the 17<sup>th</sup> annual statewide celebration of archaeology! Feel free to submit your information regarding archaeological events that will take place during September for the official Calendar of Events. Go to <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/4288.htm> to find the form to complete and submit, and if you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Amy Johnson, Archaeology Outreach Coordinator, at 317/232-6982 or [ajohnson@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:ajohnson@dnr.IN.gov).
- **Archaeological site of the Month-** The Castor Farm site (12-H-3) is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Archaeological investigations by the IPFW Archaeological Survey at this central Indiana site have been funded in the past by Historic Preservation Fund grant monies. Information about the research which has been conducted regarding this important and large Late Prehistoric village site may be found at <http://new.ipfw.edu/dotAsset/125667.pdf> and <http://new.ipfw.edu/dotAsset/35971b6b-813b-446a-a3e7-d5f27ef3c4cb.pdf>.



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Indiana Archaeology Month (September) webpage-  
<http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/3674.htm>

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**Mission Statement:** *The Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology promotes the conservation of Indiana's cultural resources through public education efforts, financial incentives including several grant and tax credit programs, and the administration of state and federally mandated legislation.*

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- Provides protection and preservation of Indiana's finite and fragile archaeological resources
- Implements the state law providing protection for archaeological sites and human remains
- Reviews, evaluates and comments upon projects that may affect archaeological resources
- Maintains standards and guidelines for archaeology in Indiana and provides technical assistance
- Promotes public education about the science through publications, training and presentations
- Offers grant funds for archaeological projects
- Maintains the repository of archaeological records and state site database